



Tlamelang Special School will represent Bokone Bophirima in the category of learners with disability during the national road safety schools debate.



Bokone Bophirima's overall champions, Onkabetse Thuto Secondary School

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Onkabetse Thuto holds province's hopes to national road safety debate

Rebaone Moeng

After locking horns in a debate, a team of five learners from Onkabetse Thuto Secondary School in Setlagole, were crowned Bokone Bophirima provincial champions of the 2017 Road Safety Schools Debate.

Learners from Onkabetse Thuto Secondary in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District, clinched the top position after defeating three schools that represented their respective districts at provincial level.

Tiger Kloof High School secured second position while Tiragalo Secondary and Loane Secondary schools came third and fourth.

In the special category of learners living with disability, the Tlamelang Special School from Gelukspan, found themselves a place in the national competition after defeating Christiana School for the Blind.

Addressing the six teams participating at the provincial competition, Community Safety and Transport Management's Chief Director for Transport Regulation, Molefi Morule, congratulated the two champion teams and wished them the best in the upcoming national competition.

"You have elevated the standard of this competition to another level and we look forward to more than this performance at the national debate to ensure that the national champions are also from our prov-

ince," said Morule.

He said the debate was critical because learners had a role to play in advocating for and networking with their peers on the Global Plan of Road Safety, which focuses on road safety management.

"It is through such programmes that the province can work towards empowering future generations towards creating safer roads and also reduce the death toll on our roads.

"All of you here are ambassadors of road safety and must continue to educate community members and fellow learners about road safety. By working together we can make change in our communities and schools," said Morule.

Learners were urged to continue to play a role in road safety awareness and were assured that the points they raised would be considered in the department's road safety improvement plan.

The Road Safety Campaign debate is meant to encourage learners to be aware of road safety issues, teach them to take responsibility of road safety in their communities and to develop and enhance learners' presentation, communication and listening skills.

The two winners will represent Bokone Bophirima at the national road safety debate competition to be held in the province during the first week of the 2017 October Transport Month.

'My daughter ^{SAPS (VEU)} was killed like a dog', says father of young mum

OBAKENG MAJE

A 30-YEAR-OLD woman who was killed and her body set alight by unknown people in Khibitswane village, near Taung, was buried on Saturday.

Onalenna Chiocha's father Peter said the death of his daughter deeply affected him. "My daughter was killed like a dog. She was stoned to death and stripped naked.

"The criminals raped and torched her body afterwards. It was so heart-breaking seeing her lifeless body in the mortuary. Onalenna was returning from a tavern on her way home when she was killed," he said.

Peter, who works as a vendor selling sweets in Vryburg, said Onalenna's half-naked body was found by a passer-by.

"I stay with two of my children after their mother left the house. I was taking care of Onalenna, her children and her brother," he said.

Taung Community Against Crime organisation chairperson Peggy Molatlhegi said: "We need to work together with police to fight against femicide.

We also call on all men to stand up and fight against these barbaric killings. Women and children need to be protected at all times."

North West police spokesman, Brig Sabata Mokgwabone said the police in Taung are investigating a case of murder after the body of Chiocha was found in a canal in Khibitswane village on Monday morning.

"The burnt body was found by passer-by with rocks on top of her. No arrest has been made and the investigation continues," he said.

"How can a woman be killed like this? She is a mother of two children and now her children have no mother. We call upon community members to assist police with investigations," the South African National Civic regional secretary in Dr Ruth Mompoti, Mika Moeti said.

"We want to condemn the abuse of women and children. We are calling for harsher sentences for perpetrators," ANCWL provincial secretary in Bokone Bophirima Bridgette Magakwe said.

"We also call on the justice system to ensure that perpetrators do not get bail until they are incarcerated," Magakwe said - Newsnote

Man held on weapons charge

ELFAS TORERAI

A MAN was arrested for illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition he reportedly intended to smuggle into Botswana.

The suspected, 23, is expected to appear in the Lehurutshe Magistrate's Court today. Police spokesperson Lt-Col Pelsoni Makau said the man was arrested at the border post.

"Police at Swartkopfontein port of entry were on a routine patrol when they spotted a man hitchhiking at Moshana village near Zeerust. On

approaching him, he informed the police that he was going to Botswana.

The police searched him and his luggage. It was during the search that the suspect ran away, but the police gave chase and caught him. He was eventually arrested after failing to account for a firearm and 64 rounds of ammunition that were found inside his bag," Makau said.

She said that preliminary investigations revealed that the man was taking the firearm and ammunition to Botswana.

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